

The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D.C. 20505

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Secretary of State
Assistant to the President for
National Security Affairs

SUBJECT: President's Visit to Central America

1. Here is a brief update on developing possibilities arising out of the situation in Nicaragua which you should have in connection with the President's impending visit to Central America.

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3. Inside Nicaragua we count [REDACTED] Spanish-speaking and [REDACTED] Indian-speaking anti-Sandinista [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] These armed and partially trained anti-Sandinista guerrillas are not well organized and scattered in small camps. However, there is the capability on the part of [REDACTED] Miskito Indians in the northeast and [REDACTED] anti-Sandinistas under Eden Pastora in the southeast to converge and cut road transportation between Managua and the two Nicaraguan ports on the Atlantic Coast. This could cause the Nicaraguan army to launch an effort to extinguish armed anti-Sandinista opposition. The Hondurans and the anti-Sandinistas believe that it will not be possible to corner the anti-Sandinista forces in the mountains and swamps which prevail throughout the eastern half of Nicaragua.

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4. I attach memoranda on two specific developments there which were prepared for my luncheon meeting with Secretary Shultz which has been postponed.

Bill

William J. Casey

Attachments

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